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SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know what the estimated expenditure in this matter is? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I assume the expenditure is in connexion with the allowances to be given. If so, my answer is, ' Not more than the salaries that they were getting '."

Powers of Presidents of panchayats.

* 133 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri S. Narayanappa, who gave notice of the question, is not in his place. So, the question along with the answer will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Local Boards has issued a circular to all the panchayats regarding the powers of presidents when they are in charge of executive functions; and

(b) if so, the full details of the circular?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The circular contained instructions to Executive Officers that in making delegation of their powers to the presidents, the following items should be excepted, viz., appointments and punishments of staff and grant of leave except casual leave to them, conduct of auction sales, acceptance of contracts, participation in the business of any statutory committees, final disposal of pending files, modification of orders previously passed by the Executive Officer, revision of taxes and grant of licences."

* 134 Q.—SRI P. RANGASAMI REDDIAR :—" I am not putting the question, Sir."

Nayanar's Boys' Home at Pazhayangadi, Malabar.

* 135 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Boarding Grants given to Nayanar's Boys' Home at Pazhayangadi, Gopalapuram, Nediyiruppu and Chelode and also to Nayanar's Girls' Home, Eranhipalem, Malabar, or to any one of them has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) whether the Government have received any representations regarding such stoppage, and what action has been taken on the representations?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The boarding grant sanctioned to the Nayanar's Boarding Home at Chelode alone was stopped during the year 1951–52.

" (b) The Hostel did not maintain even the minimum number of ten eligible boarders as per rules relating to the sanction of boarding grants.

" (c) Yes. The request for restoration of withheld grants was not allowed."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it not a fact that the grants were stopped because there was some excess payment in the previous years, and the Government refused to make further grants unless they were repaid? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The grant was not disbursed to the hostel at Chelode as it was not eligible for the grant under rule 4 of the rules relating to the recognition and sanction of boarding grants according to which there should be a minimum strength of 11 boarders belonging to eligible communities of Backward Classes. The boarding grant to the hostel at Pazhayangadi was not stopped but was suspended for certain irregularities noticed in the management. After the irregularities were rectified, the grant to the hostel was disbursed in full. But the grant did not reach the management but was adjusted towards the amount due to Government from the management."

SRI M. CHADAYAN:—" എരഞ്ഞിപ്പാലം, പഴയങ്ങാടി, ഗോപാലപുരം, ചേലോട്ട, നിടിയിരിപ്പ് മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെ നായനാർഹോമിലെ അനാഥ മന്ദിരത്തിന്റെ ബോഡിങ്ങ് ഗ്രാന്റ് കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലം നിൎത്തൽചെയ്തു. അതു നാട്ടുകാർമുഖേന നടത്തുവാൻ ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു വല്ല അപേക്ഷയും കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ ? കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ എന്തുകൊണ്ടു് ബോഡിന്റെ ഗ്രാന്റ് കൊടുത്തില്ല ? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have already replied to that question in my answer to clause (c) of the original question, namely, 'Yes. The request for restoration of withheld grants was not allowed.' But all these hostels were under one management. A total amount of Rs. 15,000 was due to Government from the society which managed those hostels by way of grants drawn from both the Education Department and the Harijan Welfare Department for some pupils and also some amount was due as the expenditure was other than what was legitimate for the purposes of grant."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" In view of the fact that due to the late allotment of the grant, many institutions are undergoing a lot of difficulties, will the Government consider the desirability of sanctioning the grants in the beginning of the year? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The grant is being given as early as possible in instalments in the course of the year, from this year."

8-50 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will this Government which seem to have a liberal attitude in similar matters, as seen from the Audit Report of 1951 wherein they have waived recovery

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of Rs. 1,42,696 excess travelling allowance and Rs. 8,318 passage money due from the Armed Police, write off this amount and resume grants unconditionally?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In this particular instance of Harijan hostels, audit becomes necessary when there is expenditure which is not justified. But as far as possible a liberal policy will be followed in this matter also. I may inform the hon. Member that the hostel was closed on 1st April 1952."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" മലബാറിലെ സാധു വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കു ഈ ബോഡിങ്ങ് വളരെ സഹായമായതുകൊണ്ട് കൂടുതൽ ധനസഹായം ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ട് ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു അതിനെ സഹായിക്കുമോ ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is putting a general question."

Expenditure incurred in connexion with the visit of Admiral Wright.

* 136 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total amount of money spent by the Government in connexion with the visit of Admiral Wright and his men who were in Madras from 4th to 9th February 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No expenditure was in fact incurred by the State Government in connexion with the visit of Admiral Wright. But I trust it is not intended to object to international courtesy or reduce the graces thereof."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether Admiral Wright had any talks with the Chief Minister of a political or military nature regarding the Middle East Defence Organization and may I know whether the Chief Minister gave such kind of reception as given to Admiral Wright to the Soviet delegates who came in a ship to Madras bringing food with them for the people in the Rayalaseema famine areas?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not allow the first part of the question, namely, the private talk Admiral Wright had with the Chief Minister. That does not come as a supplementary question to this question. I allow the second part, namely, the nature of reception given to him."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" These courtesies depend on the time, the occasion and also the business, other business with which the Chief Minister is concerned at the time. There was no discourtesy or want of courtesy shown to either of the two bodies referred to."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" **Admiral Wright** ను ధర్శనము చేసుకోడానికి వారు **Chief Minister** హోదాలో వెళ్ళారా లేక వ్యక్తిగతంగా వెళ్ళారా ? "